

queens square
Sep. 3. 1753.

Dear Sir

I this day recd of Mr Marriot your 8
coins of Carausius, & whereof I ingrave
set your name to the rest, being already in-
graven. the XVI.th plate is now in hand, &
yours will be in the XVII.th

it is not possible that more care can be
had, of not mixing or changing them, than I
take. & you may rest assured that your indi-
vidual coins shal be restored you, as soon
as we have done with them. & if a fr.^d of
yours comes to Town in a month or two, desire
'em to call on me for 'em. I cant easily find
a better way of returning them.

Ed Sandwich has given me his, the silver
one, among 'em, wh^{ch} was to have been yours.

You forgot to send the hollow Carausius,
wh^{ch} I sh^d engrave.

I have many sent me every day, &
I dispatch them as fast as I can, & return
them, with great care. I had 48 from one
gentleman.

The history goes on. I shal show, that
hitherto we have known nothing of that
great man Carausius; & our countryman.
I can prove, he was born in Wales, was killed
at York.

D^r. Kenn. keeps all to himself, & does all
he can to hinder me: after he has been
courting me these 20 years to join with him.
but I shal make him sink.

I beg you w^{ill} use your endeavor when
it falls in your way, to send me all the Ca-
rausius's you can hear of. They will be re-
turned with greatest care. no matter whether
duplicates or not. for tis useful to name who
possesses every coin: tho' already engraven.

I have got a great gold medalion of
Carausius as big as half a crown.

I shal settle all the years of his reign,
& of most of the coyns, when struck.

Those you gave me, wh I gave to Kenn.
I engrave from fine drawings I made of
em, when you gave em to me. I set my
own & your name to em: not mentioning
Kennis: for I w^d not stain my paper, with
so execrable a d-g.

I have 21 silver ones, & expect more.
I shal give a handsome oncomium on all
that promote the work; wh will be useful,
agreeable, & open a great light into that
dark part of Roman & Brittish history.

I am much obliged to you for your kind
assistance now, & formerly: pray send the
hollow Carausius. I am Your faithful
humble servant

W. Stukely

To Sandwich's silver one has the consular
staff with the eagle on it, in the sup.^{rs}
right hand: the reverse CONCORDIA
MILITVM.

This Original Letter from D^r Stukely to John
Collins Esq^r - Was given to me by Robinson Esq^r of Stamford
- From whom I purchased the Cabinet & Coins collected by
& formerly the Property of Mr Collins - Which Mr R becom
disposed of by his Marriage

W^m Stevenson

Norwich Feby. 10. 1799.

+ John Collins Esq^r was collector of Coins at Stamford a person Curious in
Coins and other Antiquities - See D^r Stukelys Palaeographia Britannica
Part 2. pag. 117.